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1. According to Moreau, former leader of the Postal Federation and a member of the Postal Employees' Strike Committee, the situation within the Federation has rather taken a turn in favor of the Communists. The opposition, grouped behind the Strike Committee, had demanded that a Congress Extraordinary be called where all questions concerning their own union and the general line followed by the CGT as a whole would be aired. They had also asked that the delegates be elected by a secret ballot and that union members prevented from attending section meetings be allowed to vote by mail. While the Communist leadership of the Federation made a few concessions it remained adamant on the issue of voting by mail. Within the Strike Committee itself a few Trotskyist elements blandly accused the Committee of encouraging an atmosphere of scission, and consequently rallied around the Federal Communist leadership which denounced the vote by mail. Following this intervention, the position of the Strike Committee was considerably weakened and repercussions have been observed in the rank and file.
2. Moreau explained this setback by the fact that no other Federation followed the course taken by the Federation of Postal Employees, whose action constituted an isolated rebellion without any important repercussions. The CGT remains completely subservient to Communist influence; memories of the Postal Strike are rapidly fading and the Confederate Bureau is quickly regaining its ascendancy. Moreau thinks that it will be extremely difficult to shake off the Communist hold unless the CP were excluded from the next government and fell back on the tactic of class struggle and fomented political strikes, in which case it would be relatively easy for the former Confederates to point out the "interested" character of these movements, and pit them against the substantial economic improvements sought by the trade unions.

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